



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message



We have had a great start to the 2014-2015 school year!

The first couple of weeks of school have been amazing! Walking around the playground, our classrooms, and our lunchrooms, I am most impressed with our students and with all of our staff. The teaching and support staff are a very dedicated, caring group who are sincerely interested in the success and well-being of our students. Once again, we would like to thank everyone who was able to come to our "Meet the Teacher Night" and who supported our pizza fundraiser that evening.

Parent-school relationships are also very important to us and we want to make sure that you are always aware of what is happening at our school. Our teachers recognize the need for your support and try to communicate your child's progress in a variety of ways. Whether through the Timberbank agenda, classroom websites, newsletters, calendars or on our own Timberbank wiki, we hope that you can remain connected to your child's learning. We all play an important role in your child's life.

October promises to be a month filled with many exciting activities at Timberbank. Our extra-curricular clubs and activities such as Kilometre Club, Cross-Country, Library Helpers, Ambassadors, Boys Volleyball, Girls Club and Eco-Team are well underway. Our students continue to be involved in many school initiatives that focus on keeping our school and learning environment safe and caring while remembering what it means to keep "On T.R.A.C.K.".

We look forward to a year filled with many new learning experiences for all!

Mrs. Anna Epitropou



Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 13 Thanksgiving— NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 14 Individual Education Plans go home
- Oct. 16 Girls Club - Grade 4s at Young Women on the Move Event @ Spirale
- Oct. 16, 17 Danish Delegation visits Timberbank
- Oct. 22 **FUEL for KIDS fundraiser** @ Metro from 4pm to 7pm
- Oct. 24 **Photo Day in the morning**
- Oct. 24 Fall Community Clean Up in the afternoon
- Oct. 27 Municipal Elections in the Gym
- Oct. 27-29 Grade 6s - Outdoor Education Centre Trip to Camp Kearney
- Oct. 29 "Take Me Outside" Day
- Oct. 30 Movie Night - details to follow in a flyer
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parade in the afternoon
- Nov. 3 Parent School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library
- Nov. 6 School Community Police Officer visits Timberbank

EQAO - Grade 3 & 6 2013-2014

Congratulations to everyone for their hard work. This is definitely a team effort that requires all of our teachers to focus on our students' literacy and numeracy skills. As a staff, we continue to analyze our results and put strategies in place for improvement.

Grade 3 (% achieving Level 3 and 4)

Reading: School - 70%; Board - 71% Province - 70%

Writing: School - 85%; Board - 80%; Province - 78%

Math: School - 81%; Board - 71%; Province - 67%

Grade 6 (% achieving Level 3 and 4)

Reading: School - 85%; Board - 77% Province - 79%

Writing: School - 85%; Board - 80%; Province - 78%

Math: School - 78%; Board - 59%; Province - 54%

For more information, feel free to visit www.eqao.com.

Keeping Safe

We are in the process of completing our three mandatory fall fire drills. Our first fire drill and lockdown drill went extremely well. We want to thank our staff and congratulate our students for learning and following these important procedures.

We are proud to have a safe learning community and wish to continue doing so.

JUST READ IT!!

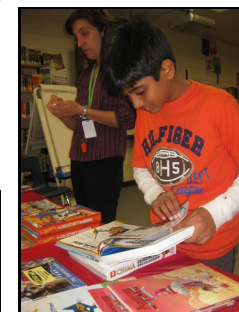
Congratulations to Ashvina, our first "Just Read It" winner this year. Don't forget to go on to our school or TDSB website and complete your "Just Read It" entry. The more entries we have the more chances we have of winning an author visit for our school.

**What's up in the library...**

Thank you to all those who purchased books from our first book fair for this year at Timberbank. It was a great success! We are pleased to announce that we have made close to \$2700 in sales. Thank you to teachers, students and volunteers who helped organize the book fair. I am excited about our next book fair which will be held during the week of our Spring concert in April.

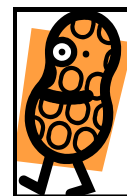
Happy Reading!!

Ms. Selvanayagam

**Peanut Safe**

Sabrina's Law requires every school establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts and/or peanut products. For more information feel free to visit:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org/>

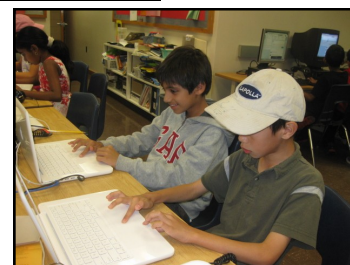
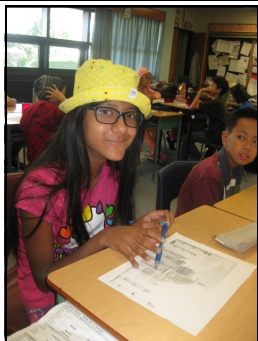
**Our newsletter and school updates go electronic!**

Thanks for sending in your School Council forms and agreeing to receive information and forms by email. Beginning with our next edition, parents/guardians will be emailed information and our newsletter. Thanks for saving many trees!

"Meet the Teacher Night"**Terry Fox Run and Hat Day**

On September 26th, our students ran our annual Terry Fox run in the afternoon and our first School Spirit Day: Hat Day! The weather was great and our grade 6s led the way around our field through the ravine and back on to our school playground. Students were asked to donate a "Twoonie for Terry".

We know how much it meant to Terry Fox to have his dream continue. At Timberbank, we want to see his dream continue. Thanks to everyone who contributed so that some day we may find a cure to cancer!



Staying “On T.R.A.C.K.”

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay “ON TRACK”. This recognition program raises awareness of each student’s contribution to personal and social responsibility. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized for their “Teamwork and Trust” and staying “On T.R.A.C.K.”.

Mr. O'Connor's class - Ashwin, Carolina, Jennifer, Karshan, Nancy & Zeta

Ms Corrieri's class - Chad, Jolie, Kaden, Kadija, Kashwine & Kishan

Ms Persaud's class - Abinaya, Ashvina, Lucas, Raymond & Thomas

Mr. Rands's class - Faizaan, Kreethica, Phavieran & Shayanaa

Ms Boulos's class - Anthony, Emma & Michelle

Mrs. Ball/Mr. Mirshahi's class - Aishnavi, James & Maxx

Ms Namasivayam's class - Akshat, Fiona & Saba

Ms Mourad/Mrs. Ho's class - Haarini, Joseph, Lina, Sarah & Vicky

Ms Sookraj's class - Daniel, Haidee & Rachael

Ms Lo/Mrs. Kerr's class - Dimitrios, Lukas & Rabiya



PACHI Visits Us!!

The PanAm Games are just around the corner. We learned about the different events, venues and countries that will be participating.

Thanks PACHI for teaching us the “PACHI Wiggle”.



Reminders:

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be **SAFE!!!**
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child’s backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.



Parent School Council!

Parental involvement is an important part of the success of our students. We truly value your commitment to the education of your children and our school. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings to hear about what is happening at our school.

Our Parent School Council met on Thursday, October 2nd for the first time this year. It was great to see some new parents at our meeting and hope we can get more parents involved through School Council. Congratulations to the following who have been elected to represent our parent community:

Co-Chairs: Nick Carasis and Lisa Ferguson

Treasurer: Mike Petkovski

Secretary: Tilley Creary

Community Rep: Marilyn Trenbeth



Our next meeting is on **Monday, November 3rd at 6:30pm in our library**. Please mark your calendars!

Student Absences: Safe Arrival Program



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As part of our Safe Arrival Program, our Office Administrator, Mrs. Jean Garcia, verifies all unaccounted for absences each morning and afternoon. When your child is absent or late, please give us a call to let us know. For your convenience the Safe Arrival voice mailbox is available 24 hours a day. All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter.

“Increase the Peace” our Anti-Bullying Assembly

On Friday, October 3rd, we had both Q-Mack and Jus FLY join us to talk about how important it is to believe in yourself; always try your BEST; and to NOT bully others...it's not cool!!



International Languages Program

Timberbank is pleased to work in collaboration with the Continuing Education Department of the TDSB. This partnership offers language classes at our school. It is great that our students have the opportunity to learn a new language or perhaps further enhance and sustain their first language.

Languages offered: Mandarin & Tamil

When: Wednesdays, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

We are also trying to start a Farsi class.

For more information, please visit the office.

Lunchroom Supervisors Needed

\$11.35/hr. (supply) or \$18.77/hr. (permanent)

If you have experience working with children and an ability to communicate in English sensitively with our students, parents and others, please consider joining our team. Your main role will be to ensure the safety and security of our students during the daily lunch period for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Necessary skills include patience, understanding and the ability to encourage positive relations among students.

If interested, please apply on-line at the following address or provide a resume to the School:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Employment.aspx>

What's cooking in Kindergarten?

We had our first Kinder Chef this week. Our little chefs made and enjoyed their very own "School Bus Snack" using graham crackers, cream cheese, cereal and carrots. In Kinder Chefs, students make fun snacks using healthy ingredients. This activity also involves skills in Language and Math as students follow the recipe. Students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks, such as fruits and vegetables, regularly to school.



Cross Country @ Thomson Park

On Wednesday, October 8th, our Cross Country Team went to Thomson Park for the first Cross Country Meet. It was a great day and our team demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and tried their very BEST!!

A BIG thanks to Mr. Rands for coaching the team, to Ms Cavazon for supervising the team and more importantly to ALL of our wonderful parents who helped out at the meet. We could not have done it without you!



We Day Toronto 2014

On Thursday, October 2nd the Girls Club went to the Air Canada Centre to participate in We Day Toronto. When we arrived we went inside and learned the We Day dance. We saw that many people were wearing special We Day T-Shirts. The T-shirts said different things like, "Take a stand, Have a voice, Make an Impact, WE ACT". We each got a gift bag that had special stuff from We Day. We were all so excited about this bag that was just for us. It included some lights that could make special effects in the Air Canada Centre, a We Day journal, a book that gave us more information about taking action after We Day was over, a gift card, a coupon to buy a free Rafiki Bracelet and a pen.

We Day was an inspirational day for us. There were over 8,000 schools participating in We Day in Toronto alone. We were taught about Social Justice from people all around the world – Queen Noor of Jordan, Mustafa the Poet, Joe Jonas, Big Sean, Katie Couric, and Kweku Mandela were some of them. We Day also had many quotes that were so inspiring and encouraged people to follow them and lead others to follow them too. Some of the quotes that we really liked were:

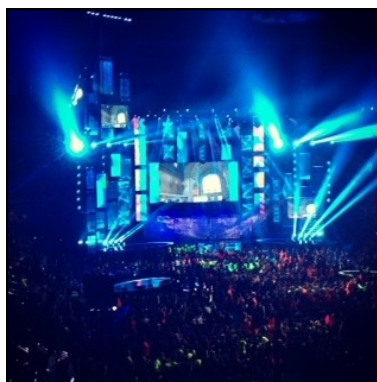
"If I had a super power that could change the world, I would completely wipe out eating disorders, self-harm, bullying and cyber bullying." - Demi Lovato,

"Some people think it's not cool to help others; personally, I think it's the coolest thing in the world" - Prince Harry.

We learned that through education we can take action in helping our world become a better place. We are going to start now! We have committed, as a group, to take on one local and one global initiative this year to help make our world a better place. Our local commitment is to **We Scare Hunger**. This is a local food drive that we will be running throughout the last two weeks of October, ending on Halloween, October 31st. Our global initiative will involve raising money to buy goats for families in third world countries. Did you know that one dairy goat can produce 16 cups of milk a day? One goat will help an entire family to lift themselves out of poverty and become independent and self-sufficient. Our goal is to raise enough money to buy 5 goats for these families.

We Day was so much fun and really inspiring. We are so happy that we got to go! It changed our lives.

Love, The Girls Club





EcoNews



During the week of October 2nd, our new trees arrived and were planted next to our playscape. There was a lot of excitement as children watched the digging and planting of our 10 new large trees. Thanks to EcoSchools for providing us with our new trees. Wednesday, October 8th was not only "International Walk to School Day", but it was also our EcoSchools Kick-off. We received our GOLD certification once again. Way to go Timberbank!!

Grade 6 Flight

"I learned about the inventors of different planes & hot air balloons and how they thought of their ideas." by Nancy

"We did some really cool experiments on flight and learned how to make a paper airplane that flies really well." by Tian Bai

"I learned that it matters where you put the weight on an airplane. When it's on the front edge, it pushes the plane forward." by Zeta

"There is a long history of people wanting to fly. It was the Wright Brothers who were the first to do so for 12 seconds." by Jennifer

"I learned about the properties of cold water and hot water which act the same as hot air and cold air." by Elbert



Grade 3s Learn about Force, of Course!

This week, Timberbank's grade 3 classes worked together with Scientist Jill to learn all about **FORCES** causing motion! We experimented with friction, static electricity, gravity and magnetism to help us understand how these forces work, and how they are present in every day life. The students designed amazing roller coasters, using their understandings of gravity and friction to make a marble do a loop! Scientist Jill dazzled us with science-based magic tricks and we each stretched our brain to figure out how they worked!



I would like to give a big thank you with **Mrs. Khan**, our amazing parent volunteer! Scientist in the Schools was a big success in teamwork and learning!



Mrs. Butters, Mr. Rands and Ms. Boulos